

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

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CGHS FACILITIES TO PENSIONERS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of specialized private hospitals and general hospitals accredited in metro and big cities to provide free medical treatment to the retired Government employees covered under CGHS;
- (b) the outstanding payments of medical reimbursement due to these accredited hospitals and reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to re-issue the directions for strict implementation by these accredited hospitals and take action against defaulters charging the pensioners for cash payments of their medical bills and refusing to comply with the scheme under the pretext that reimbursements are not coming from the Health Ministry;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether Pensioners are allowed to get treatment in CGHS affiliated Private Hospitals directly without recommendations of any Government doctor; and
- (f) if so, the details alongwith the modus-operandi adopted for the same?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

- (a) 59 specialized private hospitals are empanelled under CGHS Delhi till date to provide cashless medical facilities to retired Government employees who are CGHS beneficiaries.
- (b) Details of Outstanding bills of empanelled hospitals is given in the statement enclosed. Clearance of bills is a continuous process which depends upon the availability of funds.
- (c)&(d) Memorandum of Agreement signed between CGHS and hospitals contains provision for extension of credit facility to pensioner CGHS beneficiaries.
- (e)&(f) CGHS pensioner beneficiaries can directly go to an empanelled private hospital only in emergency situations. Under normal circumstances, they can go to private empanelled hospitals only if they are referred to it by the CMO-in-charge of the concerned dispensary.